

REMARKS

Please cancel claims 28, 29, and 42-44. Claims 1-6, 25-27, and 30-41 are now pending. Claims 25, 30, and 31 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the Detailed Action mailed June 12, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-6 were allowable and that claim 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. As such, claim 25 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the dependent claim 29 and intervening claim 28. Additionally, claims 26-27 and 30-41 are dependent on claim 25 and thus are also believed to be in condition for allowance. The remaining rejected claims, claims 28-29 and 42-44 have been cancelled in order to expedite prosecution. The undersigned representative reserves the right to file these claims in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of issuance is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, he is encouraged to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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